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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] EPA's NPDES Permits for Hydro-electric Projects on the Columbia River

Hi Dru,

First, **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Thank you for the notification regarding EPA's change in strategy. We had heard this might be occurring. Jenny, we would like to offer a tour of Grand Coulee Dam if you can find some time to make it over. Grand Coulee Dam is an engineering marvel and if you have not been there it's something you must see in person to comprehend. More specifically, we would like to show you and explain the outfalls referenced in our application so that you have a better perspective when preparing the permit. We would also like to better understand the differences and implications of an individual vs. general permit.

Let me know if/when you might be able to make it over and I can arrange to meet you there if the timing works.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Jul 12, 2018 at 5:57 PM, Keenan, Dru <keenan.dru@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Bryan and Jeff,

The public comment period just closed on draft General Permit for Hydros in Idaho. While we will be responding to the comments we received on Idaho's GP, we are starting in on the permit for federally operated hydros in Washington (Columbia River and Snake River). We have your application.

I want to let you know of some changes. **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** Jenny Wu will be taking my place as the permit writer. We are working closely together to have a smooth hand off. She will be very good to work with. I have cc'd her on the email along with my manager Mike Lidgard, and permit team lead, Susan Poulsom (Susan and Mike were with me at the site visit). Jenny's phone number is: 201-553-6328.

The second change regards our permit strategy. I believe when we previously talked, I explained our plan was to issue a general permit to cover federal hydro projects in Washington. That has changed and we are proceeding with developing individual permits for the applications we have received (Grand Coulee, USACE's 4 Mid-Columbia River and 4 Snake River projects). The reason for this change is a mandate we recently received from our Administrator to issue all pending permits (permit applications), which includes yours, by November 30, 2018. This will mean that each permit will be effective by the end of the year. We recognize that this is a significant change in timeframe for implementing the NPDES permit. The plan is to work closely with you, and to use the draft ID Hydro GP as a template.

If you wish, I would be happy to set up a call and introduce you to Jenny and talk over the change in plans, but would need to do so soon. Otherwise, Jenny will be in contact with you in the near future as she starts on the permit.

Dru

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